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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 10, 2000, at 12:30 p.m.

Senate

FRIDAY, JUNE 30, 2000

The Senate met at 9:31 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. THURMOND].

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on this Senate Chamber, enter the mind and heart of each Senator, and reign as Sovereign over all that is said and done this day. We confess that it is sometimes easier to use pious words to pray about Your presence and power than it is to turn over the control of our lives and our work to You. We are strong willed people, we want things done our way, and often we are better at manipulation than meditation and mediation. Built right into our two party system is the potential for discord and the lack of civility. It is so easy for us to get suited up like mountain climbers and then scramble over molehills. Procedures can become more important than progress and winning more crucial than being willing to work together. Now at the beginning of this day remind the Senators and all of us who serve with them that this is Your Senate, that we are accountable to You, and that we could not breathe our next breath without Your permission. Keep our attention on what needs to be done now rather than on how what is said and done now will impact the November election. In our mind's eye we picture a day in which we put You and our Nation first. We humble ourselves lest we be humiliated by missing the call to greatness. In Your all powerful name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable LINCOLN D. CHAFEE, a Senator from the State of Rhode Island, led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. L. CHAFEE). The Senator from Pennsylvania.

SCHEDULE

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I have been asked to announce, as manager of the bill, that the Senate will immediately resume consideration of H.R. 4577, the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education appropriations bill. Under the previous order, there are several votes remaining on amendments to the bill, including the Wellstone amendment regarding drug pricing, the Helms amendment regarding school facilities, the Harkin amendment regarding IDEA, and any amendment that is not cleared within the managers' package, and disposition of the point of order, along with a vote on final passage of the Labor-HHS appropriations bill, and possibly a vote on the adoption of the conference report to accompany the military construction appropriations bill.

The leader has asked that I pass on his message to urge Senators to remain

in the Chamber during votes in order to expedite the conclusion of the proceedings.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—H.R. 4680

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, before we proceed to the Wellstone amendment, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4680) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for a voluntary program for prescription drug coverage under the Medicare Program, to modernize the Medicare Program, and for other purposes.

Mr. SPECTER. Mr. President, on behalf of the majority leader, I object to further proceedings on that bill at this time.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the rule, the bill will be placed on the calendar.

(Action taken on June 29, 2000 but not printed in that edition of the RECORD.)

MEASURE PLACED ON CALENDAR—S. 2808

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I understand there is a bill at the desk due for its second reading.

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